

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

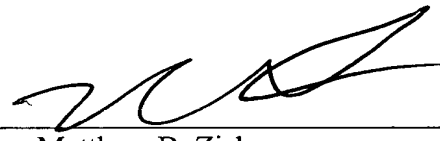
Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 3-12 are currently amended to remove multiple dependencies, to comport with U.S. style claim practice. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended to remove alternative embodiments, with one embodiment remaining in those claims 10 and with new claims 13-16 added to claim the other embodiment.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-11 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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